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# WAHOO LODGE GARDENS

SIOUX FALLS, SO. DAK.

## How the Name Originated and its Meaning



*Euonymus Atro-purpureus*

(Wahoo or Burning Bush)



So many inquiries from friends and customers of Wahoo Lodge Gardens as to where we got the name has led us to secure permission from the distinguished principal of the St. Paul Mechanics Art High School, Mr. D. Lange, to reprint his story about Wahoo. This little shrub is a native along the river and in the woods. A friend seeing it for the first time became greatly interested in it and upon learning its name christened the place Wahoo Lodge. So many people have become interested that Wahoo Lodge Gardens is growing the true Euonymus Atro-purpureus, Wahoo or burning bush in its nursery.

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## STORIES FROM THE WOODLAND TRAIL

By D. LANGE

Principal, Mechanic Arts High School

### The Bush That Burns

Wahoo, the Indians called it, but a white pioneer who had read in the Good Book the story of Moses, seeing a bush burning with fire without being consumed called it burning bush, and no other name could be more fitting.

During the autumn and early winter, after the foliage on trees and shrubs has begun to be thinned or is cast off, the burning bush displays such charming beauty of scarlet and crimson, that one who suddenly comes upon a bush in full glow can hardly believe that anything of such strange and exquisite beauty could exist in the woods.

It is the rich velvet red of the hanging seed capsules, and the bright crimson of the seeds, which



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# ROSE BUSHES

## SAFE TO PLANT



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### Hybrid Perpetuals Blooming Principally in June

Frau Karl Durschki.....	White
Clio .....	Blush Pink
Mrs. John Laing.....	Soft Pink
Paul Neyron .....	Rose
General Jacquenimot .....	Crimson
George Dickson.....	Deep Crimson
Ulrich Brunner.....	Cherry Red
Prince Camille De Rohan.....	Black Crimson

### Hybrid Tea's, Blooming Continuously

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.....	White
White Maman Cochet.....	White
Lady Ursula .....	Flesh Pink
Florence Pemberton.....	Flesh Pink
Maman Cochet.....	Light Pink
Lady Ashtown.....	Glistening Pink
Caroline Testout.....	Rose Pink
Miss Cynthia Ford.....	Rose Pink
Laurent Carl.....	Brilliant Carmine
Red Radiance.....	Deep Red
Gen. McArthur.....	Crimson
Hoosier Beauty.....	Glowing Crimson
Gruss and Teplitz.....	Bright Crimson
Hadley.....	Deep Purplish Crimson
Mrs. Leon Paine.....	Silvery Flesh, Center Yellow
Ophelia.....	Salmon Pink, Yellow Rose
Los Angeles.....	Flame Pink, Yellow Rose
Lady Hillingdon.....	Apricot Yellow
Mrs. Aaron Ward.....	Apricot Yellow
Mrs. A. R. Waddell.....	Salmon
Sunburst .....	Orange Yellow

### Rugosa Roses

Sir Thomas Lipton.....	Double, White
Conrad F. Meyer.....	Double, Silvery Rose
Hansa.....	Double, Reddish Violet
F. J. Grootenhurst.....	Double, Scarlet

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## Hardy Climbing Roses

Rambler White Dorothy Perkins.....	White
Rambler Dorothy Perkins.....	Pink
Rambler Excelsa .....	Red
Semi Double American Pillow.....	Pink, White Collar
Very Double Dr. Van Vleet.....	Blush Pink
Very Double American Beauty.....	Deep Rose
Very Double Paul's Scarlet.....	Crimson

## Polyanthus Rose—Baby Rambler

Gruss & Auchin .....	Orange
Cecil Brunner .....	Pink
Baby Rambler .....	Crimson
Lafayette.....	Red
Mrs. Wm. Koenig .....	White
Ellen Paulson .....	Pink

## New Hybrid Tea Roses

Rose Marie .....	Pink
Souv. De Claudius Pernet .....	Pure Yellow
Sensation .....	Scarlet
Edel.....	White
Golden Emblem.....	Golden
Golden Ophelia .....	Golden
Louise K. Breslau.....	Copper
Lolita Armour .....	Apricot
Mme. Butterfly.....	Pink
Imperial Potentate .....	Red

## New Climbers

Dr. Huey .....	Velvety Crimson
Chrislane De Felgonde .....	Orange
Gardenia.....	"
Emily Gray .....	"

## Species

Hugonis .....	Yellow
Moyeii.....	Red
Harrison .....	Yellow
Austrian .....	"
Yellow Persian .....	"



give to the burning bush its unique beauty. The capsules, about the size of burst popcorn, and shaped like little four-cornered hats, nature suspends in masses from the spreading branches, making of each of them a flame of such wonderful red as the uninitiated would never expect to find in the dull leafless woods. It is not the dauby, massed red of the oaks or maples of autumn. The two tints are put on so accurately and evenly, as if a crew of elfin painters had wielded their tiny brushes. Each seed is coated with the spectrum red of the scarlet lobelia, or cardinal flower; but for the pendant capsules, the elves mixed a special red with just a trace of purple. It is nature's royal red, which she used on no other fruit, nor on any other bush or berry of North America.

Although the burning bush is native from the Atlantic to the Plains, it favors secluded woodland spots, and is not found by those who see the outdoors only from an automobile.

Along the old Indian trails and the scouting trails of white boys it is not very rare, but never as common as the twining bittersweet.

The Indians knew it well. An old fur trader, to whom I showed a most glorious bush, knew it only by its Indian name "wahoo."

"The bark," he told me, "contains two kinds of medicine. A tea made of the inner bark is used by the Indians as a laxative and the outer bark furnishes an emetic."

The young shoots grow very straight and the Indians used them for arrow shafts. They tied them in bundles and hung them up in their tepees to dry and season.



The wonderful mass of red as far as the burning bush itself is concerned, is an advertisement to migrating birds, to come and eat the scarlet fruit, and in return scatter the seeds, so the wahoo tribe may not die out in the forest.

Any man who wishes to plant hardy ornamental shrubs on his home grounds, can find nothing more beautiful than the burning bush. Three species grow east of the Rocky Mountains and an introduced European species has escaped from cultivation in New York and New Jersey.

As an interesting incident it may be mentioned that the Wahoo, our largest burning bush, was discovered and first described by the botanist Jacquin in Vienna about 1770. Among many other plants imported from the New World, Jacquin found our largest and finest American burning bush. And the botanist on the Danube wrote in Latin the first description of Wahoo from the Hudson and the Mississippi. He called it: *Euonymus atro-purpureus*, which is its scientific name to this day.

There is something strange about this inhabitant of the forest. The young shoots are almost square in cross-section, and the dark-purple of the small flowers approaches closely to black. The bush attains a height of from six to twenty feet, and seedling trees begin to display the scarlet fire, when they are only five years old.

When ordering Wahoo plants from the nursery men should demand the American burning bush. The seeds of the European species are yellow, and give a less beautiful color effect.

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